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SUBJECT: FRENCH DESIDERATA FOR EXPERTS MEETING ON
LE VAUDREUIL

SUMMARY: FIVE MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM FOR THE NEW
PLANNED CITY OF LE VAUDREUIL HAVE NOW PROVIDED SCIATTS WITH
SUBJECTS THEY WISH TO DISCUSS AT PROPOSED MEETING OF FRENCH AND
AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FUTURE
FRENCH SUGGESTIONS FOR TOPICS IN FIELDS OF AIR AND WATER
POLLUTION AS WELL AS HUMAN SCIENCES FIELD AS THESE ARE
RECEIVED. EMBASSY ANALYSIS CONTAINED SEPTTEL. BELOW DATA ARE
PROVIDED TO ASSIST WASHINGTON PLANNERS IN PREPARATIONS FOR
MEETING, LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPERT PHASE OF COOPERATION.
END SUMMARY.

NOTE: MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM ARE TECHNICAL
ADVISORS UNDER CONTRACT EITHER TO THE MINISTRY OF
ENVIRONMENT OR TO THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY OF LE VAUDREUIL.

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I. ACOUSTICS

A. ADVISOR J-M RAPIN, CENTRE SCIENTIFIQUE ET TECHNIQUE DU
BATIMENT (C.S.T.B.), ACOUSTICAL DIVISION

B. SUGGESTED DISCUSSION TOPICS

A) COMMUNITY NOISE: ACTIONS AND PLANNING PRESENTLY UNDERWAY
IN US TO REDUCE EFFECT OF COMMUNITY NOISE. IN PARTICULAR,
CSTB INTERESTED IN NOISE-REDUCTION PLANS FOR PLAYGROUNDS,
PARKING LOTS AND OPEN-AIR INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

B) ACCEPTABLE NOISE LEVELS: SPECIFIC CRITERIA OR GOALS
APPLIED BY CITIES FOR VARIOUS AREAS; PROPOSED FEDERAL
STANDARDS OR MODEL CODES.

C) THEORETICAL MODELS: SPECIFIC MODELS, COMPUTER-GENERATED
AND DERIVED IF SUCH EXIST, WHICH AID IN THE DESCRIPTION
AND ANALYSIS OF NOISE PROBLEMS IN PLANNING NEW CITIES.

D) CRITIQUE: CSTB PROPOSES THAT US EXPERTS UNDERTAKE
EXTENSIVE CRITIQUE OF ACOUSTIC SOLUTIONS PROPOSED FOR
LE VAUDREUIL.

C. EXISTING/DESIRED CONTACTS: CSTB ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH
NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS AND PRIVATE ACOUSTICS FIRM
OF B-B-N. WOULD LIKE PRESENTATION ON EPA AND HEW WORK IN
ACOUSTICS; WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH US UNIVERSITY
ACOUSTICS LABORATORY PERSONNEL--NAMES NOT SPECIFIED.

II. SOCIAL SCIENCES

A. PUBLIC HEALTH

1) ADVISOR: DR. CLAUDE LEROY
INSTITUT MARCEL RIVIERE

(MUTUELLE GENERALE DE L'EDUCATION NATIONALE)

2) PROPOSALS: DR. LEROY FURNISHED US NAMES OF RESEARCHERS
CURRENTLY WORKING ON PROBLEMS OF PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY IN
CITIES. THESE NAMES, HE ASSURES US, ARE "SHORTHAND" FOR
LONG DESCRIPTIONS OF CURRENT RESEARCH, MEANINGFUL ONLY TO
SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELD. LEROY THUS SUGGESTS US CHOOSE EXPERTS
FOR THE MEETING FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

CENTER FOR URBAN STUDIES, NIMH: PROFESSOR LORING,
MR. LIEBOW.

YALE UNIVERSITY: PROFESSOR KASL.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH: MR. ALTMAN.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO: DR. ELLIS.

EMORY UNIVERSITY/US PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER: PROFESSOR MITZNER

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL: PROFESSORS PATRICK
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AND SHIFFMAN.

B. HUMAN SCIENCES IN THE CITY--MULTI-USE FACILITIES:

1) ADVISOR: F. J. GAY, INSTITUT SCIENTIFIQUE DE HAUTE-NORMANDIE

2) SUGGESTED DISCUSSION TOPICS:

A) THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COSTS OF MAINTAINING THE ECOLOGICAL
BALANCE: TWO CONSULTANTS IN THIS AREA NOTED GREAT INTEREST
IN MEETING WITH PROFESSOR WALTER ISARD, REGIONAL PLANNER AND
URBAN AFFAIRS SPECIALIST FORMERLY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF

PENNSYLVANIA. THE PRACTICAL RESULTS OF ISARD'S WORK, THESE SOCIOLOGISTS FEEL, COULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT ALTERATIONS IN LE VAUDREUIL'S APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS OF CREATING EMPLOYMENT IN THE NEW CITY, OF IMPLANTING SCHOOLS AND OF MULTI-USE FACILITIES.

B) MULTI-USE FACILITIES: FRENCH WISH TO DEMONSTRATE TO US EXPERTS THE VAUDREUIL CONCEPT OF FLEXIBILITY IN PLANNING FOR SUCH FACILITIES; INTEREST EXPRESSED IN COMPARING THIS TO US METHODS FOR CREATING AND MAINTAINING FLEXIBILITY FOR PLANNING FOR INSERTION OF MULTI-USE FACILITIES IN HOUSING AREAS.

C) FEED-BACK: US PLANNERS' USE OF INFORMATION DERIVED FROM FIRST RESIDENTS OF A NEW TOWN OR AREA-INTEGRATION OF SUCH INFORMATION INTO THE PLANNING CYCLE.

D) "CHAOS" AND PLANNING: METHODS FOR INDIVIDUATING UNITS OF A NEW CITY, FOR ALLOWING THE FREE PLAY OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE IN THE NEW CITY.

3) DESIRED CONTACTS: PAOLO SOLERI, WALTER ISARD
(SEE ABOVE)

III. LANDSCAPE

A. ADVISOR: PIERRE DAUVERGNE, CENTRE NATIONAL D'ETUDE ET DE RECHERCHE DU PAYSAGE

B. SUGGESTED DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1) THE PERCEPTION OF SPACE: LANDSCAPE ADVISOR NOTES THAT THE CLASSIC GOALS OF A NEW CITY ARE TO OFFER A VARIED URBAN LANDSCAPE, TO BECOME A PERMANENT STRUCTURE, TO PRESENT A VARIETY OF LIVING SPACES AND TO MAINTAIN A COHERENT ENSEMBLE. HE IS THEREFORE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSIONS OF VARIOUS KINDS OF MECHANISMS USED TO EVALUATE, FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE INHABITANT OF THE NEW CITY, THE VARIOUS AND CONFLICTING NEEDS THUS CREATED.

2) IMPACT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES ON THE ENVIRONMENT: RESTRICTIONS AND LAND USE REGULATION, ATTEMPTS TO SOLICIT CITIZEN
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PARTICIPATION IN THE CREATION OF THESE, CHANGING PERCEPTIONS

OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT OVER TIME, INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF MECHANISMS FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN LAND USE DETERMINATION.

3) INTEGRATION OF LANDSCAPE/ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING FUNCTIONS: US EXPERIENCE, MODEL CODES, IMPACT ASSESSMENT, UNPLANNED OPEN SPACE AT THE EDGE OF THE CITY.

IV. BIOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

A. ADVISOR: B. BOULLARD, INSTITUT SCIENTIFIQUE DE HAUTE-NORMANDIE.

B. SUGGESTED DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1) EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS: POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO CREATING A "CITY VEGETATION" AND EXPERIENCES IN US WITH EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS UPON SUCH.

2) ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COSTS OF MAINTAINING THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE: US EFFORTS AT EVALUATING NATURAL RESOURCES AND FLORA AND FAUNA ON-SITE IN ORDER TO HAVE SYSTEMATIC CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS; MODEL FEDERAL CODES AND IMPACT CRITERIA, IF SUCH EXIST. US EFFORTS AT SAFEGUARDING OPEN SPACES AT THE PERIMETERS OF CITIES WITHOUT PROHIBITING THEIR USE BY THE PUBLIC; EFFORTS TO INVOLVE LOCAL CITIZENRY IN REGULATION PROCESS. US EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AWARENESS, ON THE PART OF RESIDENTS OF NEW TOWNS, OF ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS/OPPORTUNITIES. TYPES OF RESTRICTIONS ON INDUSTRIES IN NEW TOWNS IN US.

3) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING DAMAGE DONE TO ENVIRONMENT: TOLERANCE LEVELS FOR BIOLOGICAL DEGRADATION IN PLANNING NEW US TOWNS, CRITERIA FOR EFFLUENT OUTFLOW AND IMPACT OF SUCH OUTFLOW ON EXISTING VEGETATION, MODEL CODES IF SUCH EXIST.

C. AREAS WHICH THE CONSULTANT FEELS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO US EXPERTS: STUDIES ON THE SITE OF MACROSCOPIC ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTANT EFFECTS ON VEGETATION.
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